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## THANK YOU

We wish to thank all those who sent us Christmas cards; also those who expressed their good wishes in letters of renewal or advertisement submissions. It has been impossible to anticipate all these sendings and return the compliment with one of our own, particularly those at the last moment when to send a return would not see its arrival until after the holiday. We are not unmindful of these kindly gestures and ask that you accept our appreciation and thanks as expressed in these few lines. May 1955 be kind to all of you.

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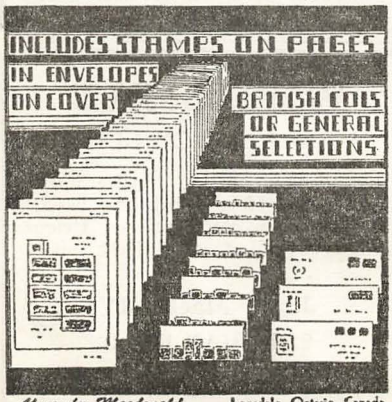


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## THEY DON'T LIKE COFFEE!

We don't know who composes the North Toronto Stamp Club Bulletin but suspect it's Gwen Dawson. Anyway, we culled the following from the report of their Christmas party.

The quiz provided a lot of noise and excitement, but I could not tell you who won the prizes for I was busy in the kitchen amongst the mountains of food and coffee that was dished out later in the evening. The food—well it disappeared in good time, but the coffee! ! !—I am sure that I saw a couple of those faces in front of me with an empty cup at least a dozen times. Will someone tell me how 36 people could have consumed 90 cups of coffee in so short a time?


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# The Hollow Tree

## By Ed. Richardson

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### #247—1911 Patriotic Postcard

Recently I obtained two copies of a beautiful Patriotic Postcard used in 1911. It is completely new to me. The colored design features in blue, red and black the familiar Bull Dog and Flag design. Above this is the advertising "Empire Mfg. Co., etc." It is not a Wilson production. A very lovely addition to the Patriotic Cover collection, but too late for Boer War,—too early for World War I.

### #248—"Newfoundland Air Mails"

While I don't happen to collect Newfoundland Airmails,—their being so financially out of reach,—I did recently add to my BNA Library "Newfoundland Air Mails—1919-1939" by Dalwick and Harmer.

I have greatly enjoyed reading this volume of some 180 pages, and can highly recommend it to all BNA, Newfoundland specialists and Airmail collectors. A world of information regarding these exciting issues and events. It is interestingly written and includes data on stamps, flights, covers, essays, proofts, specimens, imperforates, cancellations, cachets and forgeries. Altogether an excellent work.

### #249—The "Lichtenstein" Sale

It would be my misfortune to be so tied up with moving and taking on a new job that I completely missed the sale of the late Alfred Lichtenstein's collection of Canada from 1897 on. Probably much has been reported elsewhere on this sale, but I do wish to call attention to several unusual items, with prices realized.

Lot No. 27:—"1897-1927 Special Presentation booklet leather bound—incl. 77 die proofs or essays in black on card, all stamp size."—$2,400.00

Lot No. 140:—½c Numeral. Imperforate, "Horizontal block of 8 with vertical gutter in center"—$92.50 (A steal!)

Lots No. 233-235:—King Edward 2c, Private perforation coils—U.S. Automatic Vending Co., Roulette types I, II and III, all in strips of 4—total of three lots $57.00.

Lots No. 335-337:—The Admiral Issue, 1c yellow, 2c green and 3c carmine Imperforate. Tete-beche booklets. This is only the third lot to come upon the market in about 12 years! They are probably much more rare than either the Victoria or Edward Imperforates. Not listed by Boggs, but illustrated—$330.00 each.

Lots No. 364-369:—Six large die essays in black, of the unissued MacDonald-Cartier Commemorative of 1914—$110.00 each.

Lots No. 370-376:—Seven large die essays in colors, same issue, incl. the 50 value—$90.00 each.

Lots No. 745:—The 8c Registration in a complete sheet of 50 with full margins and imprints—$1,300.00.

Lot No. 748: — 8c Registration, Vertical pair used on cover to France—$200.00.

### #250—Multi-Colored Advertising Covers

I always like illustrated advertising covers, but I am especially fond of those used around 1895-1910 which are done up in several colors. I have now obtained just enough of these to warrant my setting up a separate album of them.

Attending a stamp picnic in Central New York last fall I picked up a beautiful "Mission City, B.C." Strawberry cover, illustrated in Red and Green. It's used from Mission City and I can imagine there were a great many used at the time, but I have never seen one like it before.

### #251—Newfoundland Postal Stationery

At long last I have weakened!

Never before have I collected anything from Newfoundland. Canada and the other provinces have always clamored for more money than there was available, so I never tried to tackle tough, but interesting Newfoundland.

But now I have weakened—just a bit. I have been having a lot of fun putting together a little collection of mint entires from Newfoundland, and are they beauties! Not too hard to complete, but not so easy either. I still have a couple more to go.

There are only four envelopes, three postal bands, and 19 cards, but I don't know how you can have so much fun for so little outlay. Try it.

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**#252—1c Deep Orange, Small Queen**

Just beginning to realize that the used block of six which I added to my collection some time ago is a darn scarce item. Looking over dealer's stocks and auction catalogs for another to add to the page has resulted in absolutely nothing. This is the first Ottawa printing, perf. 12, deep shade.

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**#253—Dawson, Yukon Territorial**

Picked up a 5c Maple Leaf on cover to England, postmarked in purple "Dawson, NWT—No. 16—98—Canada." It took nearly seven weeks for this cover to reach Victoria, B.C., where it was backstamped January 4, 1899.

A nice "Gold Rush" cover at the time the boom was at its peak.

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## REMOVAL OF STUCK DOWN STAMPS

The following notes are taken from the Oct. 30th issue of "Philatelic Gossip," and as they cover a recurring problem of most stamp collectors, it was decided to submit them to you as printed.

DID THIS EVER HAPPEN TO YOU? You tried to divorce an old stuck down stamp collection in warm water with poor results. Especially that heavy gum that defies all efforts which we find on some British Colonies? Or did you try steaming these stamps off letting the kettle steam your fingers instead to the tune of some unprintable expressions. Go to the druggist and ask for some acetic acid and dilute it in the warm water. in some cases, white vinegar will do. This is really a near relative of acetic acid. Try using one part of vinegar to four parts of water by volume. If this does not do it, add another part of vinegar. This will do the job for you. Wonder whoever got the idea of sticking mint stamps down on album pages? This will not preserve the gum. But better, a half mint stamp than no stamp at all. We are discounting the gum. Usually a stamp with no gum is classified as a mint stamp. But that it is not good cricket. That stamp should be classified as unused, but without gum. Guess it depends on who is buying from whom.

STARCH PASTE is something else again that just won't let go at times. If you run across any stamps where starch paste has been used, stop experimenting. Go and sneak a cake of yeast from the lady of the house. She would only use the yeast for baking anyhow and stamps are more important. Chances are she is casting about for something to argue about anyway. This will help her. Now peel the cake of yeast from its silver paper covering. Take a quarter of a cake of this yeast and place in water. Your stamps will loosen up like magic. If they do not, add another quarter cake of yeast.

WE HAVE A MAD ON AS WE write about scotch tape and its affinity for gum on stamps, its tenacity for sticking to things you wish it would not stick to. Here use lighter fluid and dissolve the goo. When dissolved if it has interfered with the gum, use a little more lighter fluid and smooth the gum out, good as new. If you have no lighter fluid, perhaps your watermark detector fluid will do this job as well. Scotch tape is a great product and very useful but in philately it can become a nuisance too. If any of the above will help our readers, we feel we have been repaid for making these experiments.

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"You know," she said confidentially, "I think of all the nasty things I've said during the day before I go to sleep at night."

"Darling," he murmured, "how can you get along on so little sleep?"

# Lundy Island Leader Passes

The man who ruled the Lundy Islands off the Coast of England died Dec. 6th, 1954 The English Daily Mail reports he was Martin Coles Harman, one-time man of millions, who was twice a "King." His first reign, in which he lorded a score of companies in the City of London, ended in disgrace with his conviction in 1933 for fraud and sentence of 18 months' imprisonment.

Ended, too, in bankruptcy with liabilities of £500,000.

His second reign, as "king" of Lundy Island, a tax-free, rate-free paradise he owned in the Bristol Channel, closed when he died at Oxted, Surrey, aged 69.

But it ended in an aura of affection and esteem and pride in the memory of his son, one of Britain's war heroes.

Harman, who started as a £1-a-week office boy, had a flair for figures and financial jugglery which brought him, at the age of 48, control of business corporations with a total capital of £14,000,000.

When he came out of prison, a chastened man but still proclaiming his innocence, he set about rebuilding his life on a more modest level. Out of the wreck of his bankruptcy Lundy remained.

The tiny island, with fewer than 20 inhabitants, and with no telephone or roads, became his home his pride. Harman printed his own stamps (the familiar Lundy Island Stamps, with the puffin values), had his own coinage, ran a telegram service.

He bred ponies, and developed the island so that soon it produced its own bread, butter, cheese, milk. A plane brought in newspapers and other supplies.

Young John Harman was brought up on the island to the open-air life. He kept bees, climbed the rocks, and showed no aptitude for the city life his father loved and which, after his discharge from bankruptcy, he re-entered in a modest way.

The war came, and John Harman, one day in April 1944, found himself in a garrison of 3,000 holding out against 18,000 Japanese at Kohima, in North Burma.

The nearest water supply was in No Man's Land, 30 yards from the Japanese. John Harman went forward alone. With grenade and bayonet he wiped out a gun crew.

At dawn, still alone, he did it again. With a gesture of defiance he walked back upright. A burst of automatic fire hit him. "I got the lot," he said. "It was worth it." Then he died.

Martin Coles Harman went to Buckingham Palace to collect the V.C. posthumously awarded. He presented it to his son's regiment, the Quten's Own Royal West Kent, in 1952.

Five years later there was a memorial service in a quarry on Lundy Island, where young Harman had played. A plaque was unveiled. And Martin Coles Harman held his head high.—R. J. Sutton.

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### Perforated Private Initials

With the increasing interest in Private Perfins—a natural development from the interest in O.H.M.S., Perforated Officials—collectors were bound to come along with a more dignified method of describing varieties and types. Five-holers and four-holers were all right in a limited field, although I never did like the terms.

The five-hole will be found to measure 5.5 m.m. from the centre of the top hole to the centre of the bottom hole and it appears in two lines horizontally. It is thus described as 2H 5.5 and the four-hole is 2H 4.5.

Without a system such as this it would be hard to describe those used by the Sun Life Assurance Co. The first type measures 4.5 m.m. and the later type 5.5 yet they are both five-hole. In the former the perforations are smaller and closer together.

Then, again, not all are horizontal. For instance, the Great West Life perforated GWL diagonally and is properly described as D 6.5 When the diagonal reads up instead of down it would be described with the prefix Du. There are other different types and varieties such as I.H.C. monogram, etc. The B.N.A.P.S. Perfin study group will have a booklet out soon. When it comes, get it. It will get the newly initiated off on the right track.—C. A. Ayre.

## CENTENARY—ROSS HOUSE—WINNIPEG

The first post office in what is now know as Western Canada will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary in February, 1955. On February 28th, 1855, the Council of Assiniboia, the governing body at Red River (now Winnipeg, Manitoba) appointed William Ross as Postmaster. Ross who died at the age of thirty-one after having been postmaster for only one year, left detailed records of this brief tenure in office for which he received ten pounds. Three of his successors resigned in quick order because of the inadequacy of the salary. While he was Postmaster, Ross applied a circular manuscript postmark to some of the letters and eight such are known today; most of them in the possession of the Provincial Library of Manitoba. The postmark in three lines in the circle reads "Red River—B.N.A." (British North America)—and the date, and on those letters on which the postage had been prepaid a handstuck PAID was added. The mails at this time were sent largely via Pembina and St. Paul in Minnesota to Canada and England.

The home of Ross, part of which was set aside for the post office is in an excellent state of preservation and has been operated during the past two summers as a museum and sub post office by the Manitoba Historical Society in conjunction with the Post Office Department and the City of Winnipeg with considerable assistance from the Canadian Pacific Railway on whose land the house is now situated. All mail posted at the Ross House, as it is known, bears a cachet indicating its historical significance. Visitors from all over the world have been conducted through the house by the curator and have signed its guest book. In June, 1949, when Winnipeg celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary, the house was used as a post office for that event.

Because of weather conditions, the Ross House is normally only in operation during the summer months, but it is to be opened on February 28 for the day only. At that time a special centenary cachet will be applied to all letters posted from there on that occasion. Those desiring such "Centenary" covers may obtain them by sending self-addressed envelopes (to any desired number) in an outer envelope addressed to the Postmaster, Winnipeg, Canada, and marked Ross House. All covers should have fillers and United States collectors are reminded that Canadian postage stamps must be affixed to the Centenary covers. If Canadian stamps are not available remittance is to be made in the amount of five cents for each cover —the first-class postage rate in Canada.

At a later date in 1955 when the weather is suitable and the house is once more in operation as a museum and post office, special celebrations will be held in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of this significant event in Canadian postal history.

## EXCHANGER LOSES STAMPS

A Peterborough, Ont., collector writes about his 1954 collecting experiences and his program for 1955 of filling blank spaces in his collection, the replacing of poor specimens and completion of Geo. VI issues. He has been working on high values of Silver Weddings and plate blocks and made good progress during the year. He mentions loss of about 800 stamps, cat. $40.00 in the mail that he was sending to boys in training. He have heard this complaint before about stamps sent to some foreign countries but seldom about our home service. Some mail does goes astray as instance reason for a dead letter office. One should address sendings carefully and clearly and bear return address. It's not always the mail service that is at fault. Our correspondent likes exchanging stamps with other collectors and credits Popular Stamps advertisements with bringing many contacts

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A doctor met a young man at a cocktail party. "I want to thank you, doctor," said the latter, "for the benefit I gained from your treatment."

The other looked at him blankly. "But—er—" he said. "I don't think you've ever been a patient of mine."

"No, but my uncle was. I'm his heir."

# ON THE MOVE

Late in the summer it appeared that January would shape up to be a fairly tranquil month as far as I am concerned. Now, it appears that this will be anything but the case.

Proposed schedule for January and February:

JAN. 6-9th—Chicago.
13th—Northern New York State.
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## RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

In Gibbons monthly of London for December we are shown very clear illustrations of the varieties Missing Crown and the St. Edward's Crown which are so distinctly defined that collectors are able to search for these errors with confidence in knowing how to locate them.

You will all recall the short lived first issues of Queen Elizabeth for three African countries which were obsoleted with such rapidity, I refer to the sets of Northern Rhodesia, Nyassaland and Southern Rhodesia. In this December Gibbons monthly prices for both mint and used sets have been increased considerably from the 1/- to the 20/-. These are the new quotations in order of the countries as mentioned above for mint and used $10.35 and $11.25, $10.90 and $11.95, $10.90 and $11.95. these prices are considerably higher than those quoted in the two reign catalog of a month or so ago, and it is very likely these sets will be priced much higher in a year from now.

Congratulations to Dr. Holmes for the new eighth edition of his B.N.A. catalog which has just come to hand. It is a very worthy and remarkable publication covering as it does every branch of Canadian Philately with the postage section complete and including all current issues of Queen Elizabeth. No collector of Canadian stamps can afford to be without this modern up to date publication which should receive a very warm welcome from every collector of Canadian issues here and abroad.

In the December Gibbons monthly there appears an important notice that on the coming stamps for Great Britain the watermark is to be changed to St. Edward's Crown, should this in the near future apply to all colonial stamps it would be the cause of some flurry and rush to complete present issues with the watermarks as they exist now and furthermore bring about the obsolescence of all current issues.

The 2/- Australian Olympic Games stamp has come to hand, it is very pleasing to know the event is being recognized philatelically, but it seems strange that the issue is being made so far in advance of the occasion, for the stamp is dated for November and December 1956. It may be considered by many that a lower denomination would have been more popular.

The sale by auction of the late Alfred Lichtenstein's 20th century collection of Canada by H. R. Harmer Inc., of New York surpassed all expectations in figures realized by over $10,000. It is noted that some prominent Canadian dealers were present at the sale who no doubt accomplished some good buying of the rarer offerings.

The sixth annual convention of the B.N.A.P.S. held at Niagara Falls was a great success and many collectors present were honored with awards for their exhibits, the winner of the Grand Award was Mr. J. D. Smart of Oshawa to whom we offer our congratulations.

Some interesting Topicals which have lately been brought to my attention include a Spanish Colony set depicting lobsters, sharks, turtles and flying fish. From Switzerland an attractive issue of butterflies and bees.

So long everybody. I hope this New Year will be happy and prosperous for you all.

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### TONS OF STAMPS

From one place alone, H. E. Harris & Co., Boston, Mass., handled 25 tons of foreign stamps in 1954. Thats a lot of stamps, particularly when one realizes that in their $1.00 five ounce bags of such there are approximately 1,000 foreign stamps, mostly on paper and unpicked, just as received from supply sources. Suppose we forget split fractions and reckon 3,000 stamps to the pound, 2,000 pounds to the ton and 25 tons of them! Now that would be about 120,000,000 stamps, wouldn't it? And that's only one firm selling stamps.

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Rev. Robert S. Smith, of Quyon, Que., reports a 3c new Queen stamp with a decided dot on the forehead and wishes to know if this is regular.

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I hear that you've signed up as skipper on the good ship matrimony.

No, my wife is the skipper. I'm the second mate! I married a widow.

## DINKY DAYMUS VARIETIES

BY AUBREY KELSON

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Sketch 360—Canada Scott's 223, the 10c Mountie stamp showing the falling rock. From S. Stricker.

Sketch 361—Australia Scott's 223, the UPU 3½d showing I & A joined in Australia. Sent by R. J. Schleicher

### FINDS—DOUBTFUL VALUE

I notice that someone has found among certain Colonial watermarks, a crown different from the usual crown watermarks. This crown has already received a special name "St. Edward's Crown." The search for it is being feverishly pursued all over the world, so say the papers. Now someone finds that, before the St. Edward's Crown was wrongly introduced, some stamps were produced without a Crown at all. This should make the search among Colonial issues more feverish than ever—or should it—or are we just being childish over the whole affair? Can't we collect stamps without having feverish hunts for finds. Who decides whether the results of these particular hunts are valuable and how many dollars they represent?

There is a law called the "Law of Diminishing Returns." It states that economic results and personal satisfactions too may be enlarged and increased but only up to a certain danger point—further activities lead to the diminishing returns!

When countries run off stamps like articles from an assembly line or endless belt, when topical stamps are produced portraying all the animals in Noah's ark, every mechanical invention, every famous and infamous painting, every human activity, every bird, fish, flower, insect that flies, swims, blooms or crawls; when islands with populations numbering three figures issue stamps numbering six figures; when the world becomes feverish over St. Edward's Crown and so on and so on, why then I ask you, "Don't you think this hobby is bebeing pushed to the diminishing returns danger point ??—Wm. Stanhope.

### THE HOLMES B.N.A. CATALOG

The new 8th edition of Dr. Holmes' catalog for Canada and B.N.A. lately released is a very worthy publication. It is a remarkable work, the great value of which is its completeness, covering as it does every phase of Canadian philately.

The additional information this work contains over that which we were familiar with 25 years ago makes it a publication of great value to all of us who are interested in Canadian issues, it is the finest work with the most up to the minute information obtainable anywhere today.

The Holmes catalog will without question receive a great reception and should be in the philatelic library of every collector. Congratulations to Dr. Holmes, its editor, for a publication delightfully presented.—Aubrey Kelson, Destronto, Ont.

### CALGARY SOCIETY

The thirty-second annual dinner meeting, auction and Exhibition of the Calgary Philatelic Society will be held Tuesday, February 22nd at 6.30 p.m. in the West Room, Palliser Hotel. Guest speaker will be Mr. F. J. Billings whose subject will be "The Stamps of the Union of South Africa." Tickets may be obtained from the Secretary, G. M. Hill 1932 29th Ave. S. W. Calgary, Alta. Auction chairman is Mr. Jack Benningen. Exhibition chairman is Mr. Cec Rosette.

All visitors are cordially welcome.

## WHOOPING CRANE STAMP

According to a recent announcement, the post office department will issue a whooping crane stamp on April 1 next year. Furthermore, it will be a five-cent issue so the whooping cranes' plight will receive wide publicity, just as they begin making their long migratory flight north into Canada.

Dr. William Rowan, head of the zoology department of the University of Alberta, is an expert on the life and habits of the stately white bird, and gave practical expression to his interest in them by submitting a design for the new stamp. His design has been accepted. Edmontonians will join in congratulating Dr. Rowan on this success.—The Edmonton Journal.

P.S. Editor's Note:—Inspiration for this stamp is credited to suggestion of Western philatelic and historical societies and it seems fitting that a Westerner should be the designer. Concern has been shown in recent years re the diminishing numbers of the whooping crane, there being only about two dozen known to exist.


# Philatelic Literature

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## THE BEAVER BOOKLET

On September 24th, Fyndem gave a recommendation on the recently discontinued 5c. Beaver booklet of Canada with five stamps and a post office notice "blank."

I wonder how many British specialists in Canadian issues are aware of the fact that this Beaver booklet comes in two distinct forms. There is, of course, the customary one, with the covers and the pages stapled together with little bits of wire. However, in some parts of Canada, there are vending machines dispensing booklets and so constructed that they do not take the booklets stapled with wire. For these machines it is necessary, each time a booklet is prepared for issue, that a small quantity is made stitched with thread instead of with wire staples.

I am told that to accommodate these machines there were one thousand Beaver booklets issued with these thread stitches. They were of course quickly sold out, as a number of specialists in Canada soon found out about it and emptied the machines, and when they were refilled they were, of course, filled with the Queen Elizabeth type.

Although I doubt whether any of the catalogues will break the listing down so far as to separate the stitches from the wire staples, it nevertheless is a most interesting variety and certainly a scarce one—Herman Herst, Jnr.

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Then there's the one about the two partners in business who always got along fine until one of them got sick and had to stay home for a week. About the fourth day the partner at work phoned his ailing associate and reported: "I just found $6,000 missing from the safe. What shall I do?" The invalid without so much as a slight pause, counseled: "Put it back!"

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## CANADIAN ON U.S. STAMP

If all the facts are in order in the following, (which we have seen in two or three philatelic papers), then there is a Canadian shown with "Bird Woman" and others on the 3c brown U.S. commemorative issued last July in honour of the 150th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition which crossed the American Great Divide in 1804.

"Bird Woman" was a Shoshone Indian girl—her real name was Sacagawea—who helped to guide the expedition across the Divide.

She had earlier been kidnapped from the Shoshone tribe and had married a French Canadian trapper named Charbonneau, who also accompanied the Lewis and Clark expedition.

When the expedition reached the Great Divide, "Bird Woman" was reunited with her tribe and persuaded the Shoshone chiefs to provide ponies and other assistance to enable the expedition to continue overland.

The design of the stamp depicting this epic journey shows Lewis and Clark in the foreground. Behind them, standing alongside a canoe, is shown "Bird Woman" and her husband. Two other members of the expedition can be seen in the distance.

## ON EXCHANGING STAMPS

Sometimes in this business of exchanging stamps with strangers we do not know, not only in foreign countries but at home, there seems a small percentage that are not too be believed when they claim non-receipt of stamps—and we know from experience. I wouldn't say the offenders are dishonest in every instance. There intentions may have been good to honor receivings at a later date. When reminded in a couple of months of their discrepancy. Well, not everyone can recall exactly what they did or did not do so far back. In any event its good advice to register valuable sendings for more reasons than one. Many like to exchange stamps with other collectors as is evidenced in our Exchange Column amongst the want ads. Before sending stamps make sure the stamps you send will be what the other fellow wants. Some send stamps of little value or already acquired by your addressee and its an imposition to oblige him to enter into correspondence and returning of stamps. Write him before sending any stamps at all.

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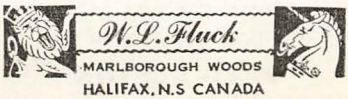

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